

## They All Remembered Wien

# A Reunion About Vienna

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Memories of Austria at the end of the Second World War stirred a flood of anecdotes last night when the Austrian Ambassador and Mrs. Ernst Lemberger gave a reception at the Embassy to honor Dr. Josef Klaus, the Austrian Federal Chancellor.

"Yes, I remember Vienna," smiled energetic, gray-haired Eleanor Dulles, who attended the reception with her brother, Allen, former Director of the CIA.

Mrs. Dulles was a financial attache in Austria at the end of the war. She is credited with a major share in the reconstruction of Austria's monetary system.

"Austria in those days was a shambles," she said. "Two dead horses lay in my garden, dumb victims of the bombings."

SHE RECALLED the first Fasching season that occurred during the period of post-war austerity. Essential to Fasching was a cotillion-type dance for which the girls dressed in their finest clothes.

"It was the French who first took pity on the women—they shipped in a whole freightload of white gloves," Mrs. Dulles said.

Brig. Gen. L. D. Flory, who headed the first American mission into Vienna in 1945, and who is Chairman of the Board of the American-Austrian Society in Washington, recalled the time when the Austrian citizen was existing on 1200 calories per day.

"It was exciting when a huge government shipment arrived one day," he said. "But when we opened it we found it contained 5,000 nipples!"

"We had no milk and no bottles — but plenty of nipples," he said with a shake of the head.

E. Wilder Spaulding, Cultural Attache at the U.S. Embassy from 1949-55, remembered the days when 200,000 Russian troops were

quartered on Austrian territory.

"It was obvious that the Austrians would never come around to the Russian way of thinking," he said. "When the Russians finally accepted that fact, Austria became the scene of the only Russian withdrawal in Europe."

ABOUT DR. KLAUS, the balding, amiable Chancellor, there were anecdotes, too. One depicted the period when he was Minister of Finance, following his 13 years as Governor of Salzburg.

"He was the terror of his staff," an Austrian who asked to remain anonymous, remarked. "He had a bedroom installed next to his office, and worked so hard and so long that those around him were weary just trying to keep up."

Dr. Klaus arrived here from Vienna Sunday night. He met with Vice President Humphrey and Secretary of State Dean Rusk yesterday. He is scheduled to leave for New York at noon today.

At the invitation of Secretary General U Thant, Dr. Klaus will address the U.N. General Assembly in New York on Wednesday.